

REMARKS


The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 28-43 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over all claims of copending U.S. Application No. 09/806,731.

Applicants have enclosed herewith a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c). Both the cited copending U.S. Application and the present application are commonly owned by assignee Schlumberger Technology Corporation (see, assignments at Reel 012963, Frame 0194 and Reel 012018, Frame 0001).

The Examiner has indicated that upon resolution of the double patenting objection, claims 28-43 are in condition for allowance. Such allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any fees to Deposit Account 50-0259.

Respectfully submitted,



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